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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 9, 1998

APPLICATION OF

NORTHERN VIRGINIA UTILITY
PROTECTION SERVICE, INCORPORATED

CASE NO. PUE980048

For Certification as Notification
Center for Northern Virginia
Pursuant to § 56-265.16:1 of the
Code of Virginia

ORDER INVITING WRITTEN COMMENTS
AND REQUESTS FOR HEARING

On January 12, 1997, Northern Virginia Utility Protection Service ("NVUPS" or "Applicant") filed, pursuant to §56-265.16.1 of the Code of Virginia, an application requesting certification as the notification center for operators having the right to bury underground utility lines in Northern Virginia.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the application and § 56-265.16:1, is of the opinion that NVUPS' application should be docketed; that Applicant should give notice to the public of its application; that members of the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the application and present their findings in a Staff report; and that the public should be given an opportunity to file written comments and requests for hearing on the application.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE980048.
- (2) On or before March 6, 1998, Applicant shall complete publication of the following notice to be published as classified advertising in newspapers having general circulation throughout Applicant's proposed service area:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
OF AN APPLICATION BY
NORTHERN VIRGINIA UTILITY
PROTECTION SERVICE,
INCORPORATED, FOR
CERTIFICATION AS A
NOTIFICATION CENTER
FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUE980048

On January 12, 1998, Northern Virginia Utility Protection Service, Incorporated, ("NVUPS" or "Applicant") filed an application requesting certification as the notification center for operators having the right to bury underground utility lines in Northern Virginia.

Copies of NVUPS' application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or can be ordered from NVUPS' counsel, Randolph Church, Esquire, Hunton & Williams, 1751 Pinnacle Drive, Suite 1700, McLean, Virginia 22102.

Any person desiring to comment in writing on NVUPS' application may do so by directing such comments on or before March 24, 1998, to the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Requests for hearing must also be received by the

Clerk on or before March 24, 1998, and must detail any objections to the application stating reasons why such objections can not be addressed without a hearing. All correspondence should refer to Case No. PUE980048. A copy of the comments or requests for hearing must also be sent to NVUPS' counsel at the address set out above.

If no substantial objections are received, a formal hearing with oral testimony may not be held.

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(3) On or before March 6, 1998, Applicant shall give notice of its application to all utility operators within Applicant's proposed Virginia service area by personal delivery or by first-class mail, postage pre-paid, to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(4) Applicant shall forthwith serve a copy of this Order on the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of any county and upon the mayor or manager of any county, city, or town (or equivalent officials in counties, towns and cities having alternate forms of government) lying within the Applicant's proposed service area. Service shall be made by first-class mail or delivery to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(5) Any person desiring to comment in writing on NVUPS' application may do so by directing such comments on or before March 24, 1998, to William J. Bridge, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O.

Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Written comments must refer to Case No. PUE980048.

(6) Any person desiring a hearing in this matter shall file on or before March 24, 1998, a request for hearing in writing with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set out above. Such requests shall detail any objections to the application and shall state reasons that such objections can not be addressed without a hearing.

(7) Appropriate members of the Commission's Staff shall review the application and shall submit, on or before April 15, 1998, a report detailing their findings and recommendations.

(8) On or before March 31, 1998, Applicant shall provide the Commission with proof of notice required in Ordering paragraphs (2), (3), and (4).